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INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJECT: URBAN LAND REFORM (CONTINUED)

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1. REFTEL MENTIONED THAT EMBASSY HAD REPORTS OF FORCIBLE PROPERTY
REDISTRIBUTION TO WHICH IT WAS INCLINED TO CREDIT. WE NOW HAVE HARD
REPORTS OF SUCH ACTIVITIES BEING CARRIED OUT, IN MOST CASES BY
ZEMATCHOCH, OCCASIONALLY ASSISTED BY SOLDIERS, IN VARIOUS ADDIS
NEIGHBORHOODS.

2. FRENCH LANGUAGE ADDIS SOIR OF JULY 30 IN FRONT PAGE ARTICLE
ACCOMPANIED BY EDITORIAL ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF A NUMBER OF YOUNG
PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN ENTERING PRIVATE HOMES AND DEMANDING
CLOTHING AND OTHER ARTICLES UNDER PRETEXT OF COLLECTING FOR DROUGHT
RELIEF. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENT THEMSELVES AS REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE GOVERNMENT WHICH, THEY CLAIM, HAD CHARGED THEM WITH
EXPROPRIATING CLOTHING AND OTHER MATERIALS TO GIVE TO CITIZENS IN
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GREATER NEED. THE EDITORIAL DENIES THAT THE PMAC HAS EVER GIVEN

SUCH INSTRUCTIONS AND IN FACT TERMS THESE YOUNG PEOPLE REACTIONARY ELEMENTS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO CREATE CONFUSION AND MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE URBAN LAND REFORM PROCLAMATION.

3. COMMENT: PMAC HAS, IN URBAN LAND REFORM AS IN OTHER CONTEXTS, PROBLEM OF ATTEMPTING TO CONTROL ITS OWN FREQUENTLY OVER-ZEALOUS CHANGE-AGENTS -- THE ZEMATCHOCH. ON PENALTY OF POSSIBLE ADVERSE POPULAR REACTION IT MUST ENSURE THAT OPPORTUNISTS ARE NOT ABLE, UNDER FALSE PRETENSES (I.E., AS ZEMATCHOCH), TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONFUSED SITUATION AND OF HOME OWNERS CURRENT VULNERABILITIES.

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